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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-8, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ratakonda (U.S. Pat. No. 5,956,026).

Per claim 1, Ratakonda teaches a multimedia image data signal browsing and parsing graphical user interface comprising:

a key frame video display area displaying at least one representative frame located by a find key frame widget from an input multimedia image data signal (col. 13, lines 22-23; *a user can locate and view a frame*);

a cuts video display area displaying cuts located by a find cuts widget in the input multimedia image data signal (fig. 5; col. 13, lines 25-30; *different level of cuts (video summary) are displayed*);

a plot video display area displaying plots generated by a plots widget and graphically illustrating statistics relating to the input multimedia image data signal (fig. 5; col. 3, lines 30-38; col. 4, lines 46-59; col. 13, lines 13-19; *different levels of video summary are graphically illustrating statistics of video data because key frames are selected based on statistics (color histograms computation) of video data*); and

a play video display area displaying a portion of the input multimedia image data signal played by a play widget (col. 3, lines 55-57; col. 13, lines 29-35; *a user can playing back the video between any two key frames*).

Per claim 2, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 1 wherein the cuts video display area displays at least one discontinuous cut identified by the find cuts widget (fig. 5; col. 13, lines 25-30; *different level of cuts (video summary) are displayed*).

Per claim 3, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 1 wherein the plot video display area displays plots resulting from parsing of the input multimedia image data signal, as well as determination of statistics relating to the input multimedia image data signal, by the plots widget (fig. 5; col. 3, lines 30-38; col. 4, lines 46-59; col. 13, lines 13-19; *different levels of video summary are graphically illustrating statistics of video data; because key frames are selected based on statistics (color histograms computation) of video data*).

Per claim 4, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 1 wherein the key frame video display area displays at least one representative frame between at least two discontinuous cuts of the input multimedia data image having been identified by the find key frame widget (fig. 5; col. 56-61).

Per claim 5, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 4 wherein the at least one representative frame is identified based on detected command data in the input multimedia data image (fig. 5, col. 13, lines 20-23).

Per claim 6, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 4 wherein the at least one representative frame is identified based on a frame difference determination (col. 4, lines 48-54).

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Per claim 7, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 1 wherein the key flame video display area displays at least one representative flame between an end of the input multimedia data image and the least one discontinuous cut of the input multimedia data image having been identified by the find key flame widget (col. 3, lines 55-57; col. 4, lines 48-59).

Per claim 8, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claim 1 further comprising a frame select widget that can select a frame of the input multimedia data image (col. 13, lines 20-26).

Per claim 12, Ratakonda teaches a method comprising:

identifying at least one representative frame of an input multimedia image, providing a video display area, and displaying the at least one representative frame in the video display area (fig. 5; col. 13, lines 15-27).

Per claim 13, Ratakonda teaches the method of claim 12 further comprising: identifying at least one cut in an input multimedia data image, displaying the least one cut in the video display area (col. 13, lines 26-35).

Per claim 14, Ratakonda teaches the method of claim 12 further comprising:

identifying at least one cut in an input multimedia data image, displaying the at least one cut in a cut display area (col. 13, lines 26-35).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ratakonda and Dow et al. ("Dow", pub. No.: 2001/0009428).

Per claims 9-11, Ratakonda teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 8 as described above, but does not teach the user interface having a print command, a help command, an info command interface. However, Dow teaches a user interface having a print command, a help command, and an info command ([0048]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the teaching of Dow in the invention of Ratakonda in order to provide user operation buttons for printing images and provide user with access to general tutorials and process animation.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh T. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4073. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and every other Fri 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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